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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subject n (b) f 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective n May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/557,889
Filing Date	April 21, 2000
Examiner Name	Anatoly Vortman
First Named Inventor	Marcel Hofsaess
Group Art Unit	2835
Attorney Docket Number	4965-000104

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 9, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ \$1158.00 enclosed (\$400 two month extension fee, \$740 RCE filing fee & \$18 claim fee)

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature	<i>Christopher M. Brock</i>	Date	September 27, 2002

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/557,889  
Filing Date: April 21, 2000  
Applicant: Marcel Hofsaess  
Group Art Unit: 2835  
Examiner: Anatoly Vortman  
Title: Device Having A Temperature-Dependent Switching Mechanism Provided In a Cavity  
Attorney Docket: 4965-000104

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 10, 2002. Applicant has included a Fee Transmittal with this response for such extension of time.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claims:

28. (New) An electrical device comprising an electrical load, a housing, an external terminal for supplying electricity to said load, a cavity provided in said